THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The continued Marketing of any drug banned or withdrawn in any part of the world is reviewed by experts of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, a statutory body under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940. This is an ongoing process.

(b) Of the 44 drugs reported by the World Health Organisation to have been withdrawn in some countries, Government on the advice of experts and the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, have banned 11 drugs, disallowed 26 drugs to be marketed and permitted continued marketing of the remaining 7 drugs as these drugs were considered effective by experts in the Indian context.

(c) The State Licensing Authorities are directed to see that the notifications made by Government are enforced both in respect of production and marketing of such drugs.

**Review of the working of ICMR**

628. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the working of the Indian Council of Medical Research so as to make it research oriented; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The Indian Council of Medical Research is a research-oriented organisation. One of its main objects is to initiate, aid, develop and coordinate medical scientific research in India. The Council has undertaken many projects on health problems including, *inter-alia*, various communicable and non-communicable diseases. The Annual Report of ICMR for 1993-94 alongwith a Review Note has been laid on the Table of the House on 21-12-1994.

**New system of Accupressure Therapy**

629. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a new system of therapy, called Accupressure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the countries where this system of therapy is in vogue;

(d) whether it is also tried in India;

(e) if so, the actual efficacy of this therapy; and

(f) the steps taken to popularise this system?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (f) Accupressure therapy is an old technique of applying pressure with fingers, thumb or a pencil on certain key points on palms and soles. This is belived to affect a remote organ connected with that point. This therapy is said to be effective in relieving pain and to correct some of the functional disturbances of different organs in the body. It has been in vogue in countries like China, Japan and Korea. It is also know to be practised in various countries like USA, Germany and UK. In India also it is being practised in a very limited way through the initiative of some voluntary agencies and individuals.

**Kidney transplantation scandals**

630. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
DR. SANJAYA SINH:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: